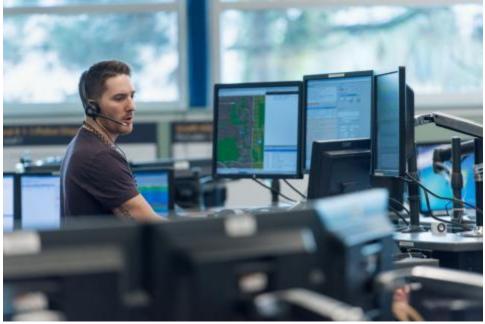


New funding for Next Generation 911 preparedness



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UBCM is administering \$60 million to support local preparedness for the implementation of <u>Next Generation 911</u>, and to provide funding to eligible recipients to support the transition of existing 911 services to NG911.

The funding is being delivered in five streams:

- 1. Base funding: All local governments and modern Treaty First Nations will receive an allocation of \$45,000 to support local preparedness for the implementation of NG911. This is intended to support public education, legal and contract costs, mapping and GIS, and local training.
- 2. Eligible recipients that operate a primary PSAP for 911 Call Answer outside of the E-Comm system will receive up to \$3.5 million each. This is limited to the City of Nelson and the City of Prince Rupert. Funding is for hardware and software, change management, business continuity, training, etc.

- 3. Eligible recipients that operate a secondary PSAP outside of the E-Comm system will receive up to \$3 million each. This is limited to the six secondary PSAPs that operate fire dispatch, and includes funding for hardware and software, change management, business continuity, training, etc.
- 4. Eligible recipients that operate a secondary PSAP or municipally-run RCMP Operational Communications Centre *and* that will not have all NG911 costs funded by E-Comm will receive up to \$500,000. This is limited to four eligible OCCs, and one secondary PSAP (District of Saanich). Funding is limited to minor hardware acquisition, change management, business continuity, training, etc.
- 5. An application-based program for additional eligible costs that are identified by eligible applicants is expected to be available in 2025. Detailed program information will be available at a later date.

The first four streams will be administered as a single allocation-based program. Eligible recipients will not be required to submitted an application. Instead, all eligible recipients will receive an approval agreement and, after UBCM receives the signed agreement, 50% of the eligible grant will be released.

The balance of the grant will be paid upon receipt of claims and/or the final report. Eligible recipients will have three years to expend the funds based on the eligibility outlined in the program guide.

A webinar has been scheduled for August 2, 2023. Interested recipients can register here.

For more information, please contact UBCM at <u>lgps@ubcm.ca</u> or 604-270-8226, extension 220.

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